Upgrade of crisis monitoring and management systems for CARICOM Member States

CARICOM IMPACS worked with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the GIZ through the Global Crisis Room Support Programme (GCRSP) to successfully facilitate the conduct of a series of training to enhance the capacity of regional agencies to operate in a crisis situation. The total project for the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean agencies totalled Euro 2.6 million. IMPACS through the Projects Department was the coordinating agency for the region. IMPACS managed the relationship between the donors and the agencies and the relationship and coordination of the Caribbean agencies. It also materially contributed to the project by providing the training venue, ground transportation, refreshments and meals.

During this period, the capacity building component which involved joint training for staff at CARICOM IMPACS and its sub-agencies, the Regional Security System (RSS), Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) came to an end. The following training courses were held during the period:-

- Early Warning Systems,
- Gender in Early Warning Systems
- Cyber Security
- Risk Analysis,
- Information Management
- Leadership and Strategic Planning
- Conflict Analysis

Peer to Peer exchanges between the OAS and CARICOM agencies were also conducted for selected training courses to facilitate the exchange of information between the Caribbean agencies and the OAS. Peer to Peer exchanges took place for: Early Warning Systems, Gender in Early Warning Systems and Conflict Analysis.

Preparatory work for the end of programme exercise tested the joint civil protection and coordination plans and standard operating procedures for crisis monitoring and management with the following activities:

- Initial Assessment Meetings
- Standard Operating Procedures Workshop
- Joint Civil Protection Coordination Plans Workshop
- Scenario and Scripting Workshop
- Planning Conferences
The End of Programme Exercise took place in January 2017.